

1-1 By: Patrick S.B. No. 1255  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2013; March 13, 2013, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 9, 2013,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 14, Nays 0; April 9, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Williams	X			
1-9	Hinojosa	X			
1-10	Deuell			X	
1-11	Duncan	X			
1-12	Eltife	X			
1-13	Estes	X			
1-14	Hegar	X			
1-15	Huffman	X			
1-16	Lucio	X			
1-17	Nelson	X			
1-18	Patrick	X			
1-19	Seliger	X			
1-20	West	X			
1-21	Whitmire	X			
1-22	Zaffirini	X			

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1255 By: Whitmire

1-24 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-25 AN ACT

1-26 relating to binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order  
1-27 determining a protest of an unequal appraisal of the owner's  
1-28 property.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Section 41A.01, Tax Code, is amended to read as  
1-31 follows:

1-32 Sec. 41A.01. RIGHT OF APPEAL BY PROPERTY OWNER. As an  
1-33 alternative to filing an appeal under Section 42.01, a property  
1-34 owner is entitled to appeal through binding arbitration under this  
1-35 chapter an appraisal review board order determining a protest filed  
1-36 under Section 41.41(a)(1) or (2) concerning the appraised or market  
1-37 value of property if:

1-38 (1) the property qualifies as the owner's residence  
1-39 homestead under Section 11.13; or

1-40 (2) the appraised or market value, as applicable, of  
1-41 the property as determined by the order is \$1 million or less.

1-42 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 41A.06, Tax Code, is  
1-43 amended to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 41A.06. REGISTRY AND ~~[INITIAL]~~ QUALIFICATION OF  
1-45 ARBITRATORS.

1-46 SECTION 3. Section 41A.06, Tax Code, is amended by adding  
1-47 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-48 (c) An arbitrator must complete a training program on  
1-49 property tax law before conducting a hearing on an arbitration  
1-50 relating to the appeal of an appraisal review board order  
1-51 determining a protest filed under Section 41.41(a)(2). The  
1-52 training program must:

1-53 (1) emphasize the requirements regarding the equal and  
1-54 uniform appraisal of property;

1-55 (2) be at least four hours in length; and

1-56 (3) be approved by the comptroller.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-58 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-59 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-60 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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